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**SUBJECT: KING COUNTY PARKS LEVY TASK FORCE UPDATE**

**STAFF CONTACT:** Shelley McVein, Deputy Director, Parks & Community Services, 452-5378; Joyce Nichols, CMO, 452-4225

**POLICY ISSUE:** The current King County Parks Maintenance and Expansion Levies are set to expire at the end of 2013. A replacement levy is being considered that would likely go on the County-wide ballot in the fall of 2013. The King County Parks Levy Task Force recently recommended a levy rate of 19.01 cents per \$1,000 of assessed value (AV) for the next levy/levies. At that rate, the owner of a home in Bellevue assessed at \$500,000 would pay approximately \$95 per year compared to the current rate of \$67 per year.

**NEEDED FROM COUNCIL:** Staff is seeking Council comment and direction regarding the Task Force recommendations. Based on Council direction, staff will prepare a comment letter to the King County Executive.

### **BACKGROUND**

At the September 24 Council meeting, staff provided background information regarding the existing King County Parks Operating and Expansion levies that are set to expire at the end of 2013. Staff also provided an update regarding the work of the King County Parks Levy Task Force (the September 24 agenda memo is included as Attachment A). Staff provided a similar informational briefing to the Bellevue Parks & Community Services Board on October 9.

At the October 22 City Council meeting, informational materials were provided updating Council on the recommendations of the King County Parks Levy Task Force. The following information is an overview of the Task Force recommendations:

### **King County Parks Levy Task Force 2012 Recommendations:**

On October 2, the King County Parks Levy Task Force met and finalized its recommendations for the next King County Parks Levy. The recommendations are as follows:

- **Renew current levies that are set to expire at the end of 2013 at the following levels (in cents per \$1,000 AV):**
  - Operations and Maintenance 8.3 cents
  - Regional Open Space 1.3 cents
  - Regional Trails 2.5 cents
  - Community Partnership & Grants 0.2 cents
  - Cities 1.3 cents
  - Woodland Park Zoo 1.3 cents
  - TOTAL Renewal Cost 14.9 cents**

- **The Task Force recommended adding the following enhanced components to the expiring levies:**

○ O&M: Preserve BNSF corridor; support 4H	0.26 cents
○ Asset Replacement and Repair	0.80 cents
○ Trailhead Development & Accessibility	0.20 cents
○ Bridges and Trestles repair & replacement	0.30 cents
○ Regional Open Space Acquisition	0.70 cents
○ New Trail Corridor Development (Lake to Sound and BNSF)	1.80 cents
○ Community Partnership Grant (additional \$240,000/year)	<u>0.08 cents</u>

**TOTAL Enhanced Components** **4.14 cents**

**The total levy rate recommended by the Task Force is 19.01 cents per \$1,000 AV (numbers do not add due to rounding by King County).**

As of this writing, the King County Parks Levy Task Force is expected to issue its final report on November 15. Additional recommendations anticipated to be included in the final report are as follows:

- The funding mechanism for the upcoming ballot measure should be a levy lid lift for 6 years, indexed to inflation.
- Cities should have flexibility in spending their portion of the 1.3 cents on any city parks capital program projects.
- The County should look at how to ensure the long-term sustainability and develop long-term funding mechanisms for the parks system prior to the expiration of the next levy.
- Some amount of King County General Fund support should be considered for the parks system in the future.
- Need to look at the potential impact of this levy on junior taxing districts in the future.

Once the King County Parks Levy Task Force report is issued, a copy will be made available for your review.

### **Timing**

The County Executive is expected to transmit his recommendations to the King County Council during the first quarter of 2013, and at that time the County Council will begin its deliberations and adopt an ordinance placing a levy/levies on the ballot in August or November of 2013.

### **How the Proposed Levy Renewal Rate of 19.01 Cents Per \$1,000 AV Would Impact Bellevue Property Owners**

The current parks levies were set at 10 cents per \$1,000 AV (plus inflation for the operating levy only) in 2008 and will expire at the end of 2013. Based on the Task Force recommendations, the levy renewal rate, including enhancements, would be 19.01 cents per \$1,000 AV beginning in 2014. If approved by King County voters as currently proposed, the impact to the owner of a residence in Bellevue assessed at \$500,000 would be approximately \$95 per year compared to the 2013 tax impact of \$67 per year.

### **Summary of Council Comments from the September 24 Discussion**

The following is a brief summary of comments and common themes expressed by Councilmembers when this issue was discussed at the September 24 meeting:

- Several Councilmembers expressed concerns that there were no King County General Fund dollars supporting the regional parks system. They urged that the County provide this support because the parks system is a core service that should be funded with County revenues derived from general property taxes.
- As King County has become more dependent on separate levies to fund services previously paid from general tax revenues, the impact on cities has been dramatic. Taxpayers in cities continue to pay more taxes for King County services and receive a relatively small return on their investment compared with the services they receive from their city government.
- As users of the regional parks system, it is appropriate for Bellevue property owners to provide some tax support for the parks system; however, general taxes paid by Bellevue residents to support King County should cover the majority of the cost of the regional parks system.

**The October 22 City Council informational materials included the following questions for consideration and future discussion:**

1. Does Council wish to support the components in the current levies at existing service levels (totaling 14.9 cents per \$1,000 AV)?
2. Does Council wish to support any, some, or all of the components in the enhancements recommended by the Task Force (totaling an additional 4.14 cents per \$1,000 AV)?
3. Does Council wish to support the Task Force recommendation that maintains the cities' allocation in a new levy package, and provides greater flexibility in the use of the cities' portion?
4. Does Council wish to urge the County to develop a long-term funding strategy that would ensure the sustainability of the parks system and decrease its near total reliance on levy funding? The original parks levy in 2003 was intended to provide "a bridge" until a long-term, sustainable funding plan was developed and implemented to deal with the County's fiscal crisis.
5. Are there other areas of interest or concern not previously identified or captured that Council may wish to include in its comments or direction to staff?

### **NEXT STEPS**

Staff is seeking Council comment and direction regarding the proposed Task Force recommendations. Based on Council comment and direction, staff will draft a comment letter to the County Executive, providing the Executive an opportunity to consider Bellevue's comments and suggestions prior to transmitting his levy proposal to the King County Council.

### **ALTERNATIVES: NA**

### **ATTACHMENTS**

**A:** Bellevue City Council Agenda Memo September 24, 2012 (with attachments)

**B:** Property Tax Chart illustrating the impact of potential King County Levies proposed for 2013

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**SUBJECT:** **UPDATE ON PLANNING FOR THE 2013 KING COUNTY PARKS REPLACEMENT LEVIES**

**STAFF CONTACT:** Shelley McVein, Deputy Director, Parks & Community Service, 452-5378; Joyce Nichols, CMO, 452-4225

**POLICY ISSUE:** The current King County parks maintenance and expansion levies are set to expire at the end of 2013. A replacement levy is being developed that would likely go on the ballot in the fall of 2013.

**NEEDED FROM COUNCIL:** Tonight's briefing is informational and no formal Council action is requested. The purpose of this briefing is to update Council on the planning process for the replacement levy and the work of the Parks Levy Task Force that is considering options for funding the King County Parks system beyond 2013. Council may wish to provide comments and direction to staff.

## **BACKGROUND**

### **King County Parks Operating and Expansion Levies 2008-2013**

King County manages the funds for two parks-related levies. The levies, an operating and expansion levy, were approved by King County voters in August 2007 at a property tax rate of 5 cents per \$1,000 of assessed value (AV) for each levy, for a total of 10 cents per \$1,000 AV. The levies raise a total of approximately \$35 million per year County-wide, \$3.78 million of which is paid by Bellevue property taxpayers. Levy revenues were first collected in 2008 and both 6-year levies are set to expire at the end of 2013. Below is a summary of the current levies:

- **The Parks Operating Levy** funds the maintenance and operation of King County's regional and rural parks system. King County's decreased General Fund dollars has increased its reliance on voter-approved levies to operate and maintain the parks system. Currently, no King County General Funds are spent on parks operations and maintenance. With an AV of \$31 billion, Bellevue property taxpayers will pay \$1.89 million in 2012 to fund the current parks operating levy.
- **The Expansion Levy** proceeds are limited to the expansion of city and county parks and recreational opportunities through the acquisition of open space and trails, and programs and

capital improvements at the Woodland Park Zoo. Of the total levy revenues, three-fifths is allocated to the County's CIP program, one-fifth goes to the Woodland Park Zoo and the remaining one-fifth is distributed to King County's 39 cities based on population and AV. With an AV of \$31 billion, Bellevue property taxpayers will pay \$1.89 million in 2012 to fund the current parks expansion levy.

Over the six-year period covered by the current levy, Bellevue will receive a total of approximately \$1.9 million, or an average of \$317,000 per year. Projects funded to date with the King County Expansion Levy money include the McIntosh acquisition (within Coal Creek Natural Area), Chapel/Ebsworth acquisition (within Richards Valley greenway), Moalum acquisition (Somerset), Trail design work within Coal Creek Natural Area, and the National Scenic Byways grant match. The King County levy money also leveraged other grant funds to help complete these projects.

### **King County Parks Levy Task Force 2012 Planning Effort**

On June 26, 2012, King County established a Parks Levy Task Force to review funding options for operating the King County Park System beyond the year 2013. Attachment A includes a list of Parks Levy Task Force Members.

The King County Parks Levy Task Force was asked to address the following questions:

- What should be done to preserve the County's 26,000-acre system of parks and trails after the current operating and capital levies expire at the end of 2013?
- What should be done to meet the future parks and recreation needs of King County residents?

The Task Force is currently considering a wide range of alternatives including renewing existing levy components in total, and is also discussing potential enhancements for the operating levy to fund maintenance on the BNSF corridor, 4-H programs, major renovations of maintenance facilities and repairs/replacement of bridges and trestles on the trail corridors, among others. Attachment B includes a listing of current service levels in the existing levies and Attachment C provides a list of potential enhanced components that are being discussed by the Task Force. Staff is seeking Council feedback on the proposal to extend the current levy components as well as the proposed enhancements.

### **Potential Levy Renewal Rate**

The current Parks levies were set at rate of 10 cents per \$1,000 AV (plus inflation for the operating levy only) in 2008. Due to inflation and a decline in property values, the 2013 rate will be 13.4 cents per \$1,000 AV. If King County elects to renew the current components of the two levies, the rate would be \$14.9 cents per \$1,000 AV beginning in 2014. If all of the enhanced components under discussion by the Task Force were included in the levy renewal in addition to renewal of the current levy components, the rate would rise by 4.3 cents to \$19.2 cents per \$1,000 AV in 2014.

The impact to the owner of a residence in Bellevue assessed at \$500,000 would be \$67 per year at the 13.4 cents per \$1,000 AV level; \$74.50 at the 14.9 cents per \$1,000 AV level and \$96 per year at the 19.2 cents per \$1,000 AV level.

### **Timing**

The Task Force recommendations are scheduled to be transmitted to the King County Executive at the end of September. The County Executive will transmit his recommendations to the King County Council during the first quarter of 2013 and the County Council will begin its deliberations to adopt an ordinance placing the measures on either the August Primary or November General Election ballot in 2013.

City staff is monitoring the task force process and will provide additional information for Council as to recommendations from the Parks Levy Task Force once they are made.

### **ALTERNATIVES:**

### **RECOMMENDATIONS:**

### **ATTACHMENTS:**

- A) King County Parks Levy Task Force Members
- B) King County Parks Levies Current Service Levels
- C) King County Parks Levies Enhanced Components
- D) King County Parks Operating Levy 2012 Projected Collection
- E) King County Open Space & Trails Levy 2012 Projected Collection & Allocation

### **Parks Levy Task Force Members**

Shiv Batra, Executive Vice President, Tetra Tech  
David Burger, Executive Director, Stewardship Partners  
Julie Colehour, Principal, Colehour + Cohen  
Karen Daubert, Executive Director, Washington Trails Association  
Gene Duvernoy, President, Fortera  
Hilary Franz, Executive Director, Futurewise  
Don Harris, City of Seattle  
Terry Higashiyama, Community Services Administrator, City of Renton  
Roger Hoesterey, Senior Vice President, The Trust for Public Lands  
Al Isaac, Des Moines Legacy Foundation Board of Directors  
Terry Lavender, Chair, King County Conservation Futures Citizen Advisory Committee  
Joey Martinez, Commissioner, Burien Planning Commission  
Gordon McHenry Jr., Mountain to Sound Greenway, Board of Trustees  
\*Louise Miller, Former State Legislator and King County Councilmember  
Mathew Pruitt, Commissioner, Finn Hill Parks and Recreation District  
Charles Ruthford, Board Member, Cascade Bicycle Club, Board of Directors  
Chukundi Salisbury, Project Manager/Trails Coordinator, City of Seattle, Parks and Recreation  
Sili Savusa, Executive Director, White Center Community Development Association  
\*Kathy Surace-Smith, Esq., Principal and Owner, Lochleven Consulting PLLC  
Jim Todd, Citizen Volunteer  
Justin Vanderpol, Evergreen Mountain Bike Alliance Board of Directors and King County Parks  
Levy Citizen Oversight Board Member  
\*Jeff Watling, City of Kent, Park, Recreation and Community Services Director  
  
\*Task Force Chairperson

# Current Service Levels

Item #	Component	2014 Projected Annual	2014 Levy Rate (cents)	2014 Dollars per HH	2013 Levy Rate	2013 Dollars per HH
C1	Operations and Maintenance	\$26.5M	8.3¢	\$27.90	6.7¢	\$22.40
C2	Regional Open Space Acquisition	\$4.2M	1.3¢	\$4.40		
C3	Regional Trails System <sup>1</sup>	\$8M	2.5¢	\$8.40		
C4	Community Partnerships & Grants	\$500,000	0.2¢	\$0.50	6.7¢	\$22.40
C5	Cities	\$4.2M	1.3¢	\$4.40		
C6	Woodland Park Zoo	\$4.2M	1.3¢	\$4.40		
	Sum*	\$47.7M	14.9¢	\$50.20	13.4¢	\$44.80

\*Note: Numbers may not add up due to rounding.

1. Recommending partial allocation of funding for mobility-oriented projects, i.e. connecting to transit hubs, park & rides, etc.

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King County Parks  
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# Enhanced Components

Item #	Component	2014 Projected Annual (millions)	2014 Levy Rate (cents)	2014 Dollars per HH
E1	Operations and Maintenance – <u>in addition to current level</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Preserve and protect BNSF corridor</li> <li>• Support of 4H program</li> <li>• Increased volunteer program support</li> </ul>	\$1.1M	0.3¢	\$1.20
E2	Improved Service Standards <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Increase in number of safety patrols and seasonal field employees</li> </ul>	\$700,000	0.2¢	\$0.70
E3	Asset Replacement and Repair ** <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Major maintenance study priorities (4 of 18 identified sites)</li> <li>• Replacement of Renton maintenance shop</li> <li>• Play area replacements and emergency repairs</li> </ul>	\$2.6M	0.8¢	\$2.70
E4	Bridges & trestles (Repair/replacement of most at-risk structures) **	\$1M	0.3¢	\$1.00
E5	Trailhead Development & Accessibility (11 priority sites) **	\$600,000	0.2¢	\$0.70
E6	Regional Open Space Acquisition – <u>in addition to current level</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Including clean-up and maintenance of new acquisitions</li> </ul>	\$2.2M	0.7¢	\$2.30
E7	New Trail Corridor Development (BNSF and Lake to Sound Corridors)	\$5.8M	1.8¢	\$6.10
	<b>Sum*</b>	<b>\$13.9M</b>	<b>4.3¢</b>	<b>\$14.60</b>

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\*\* Traditionally funded by REET.

King County Parks Operating Levy  
2012 Projected Collection

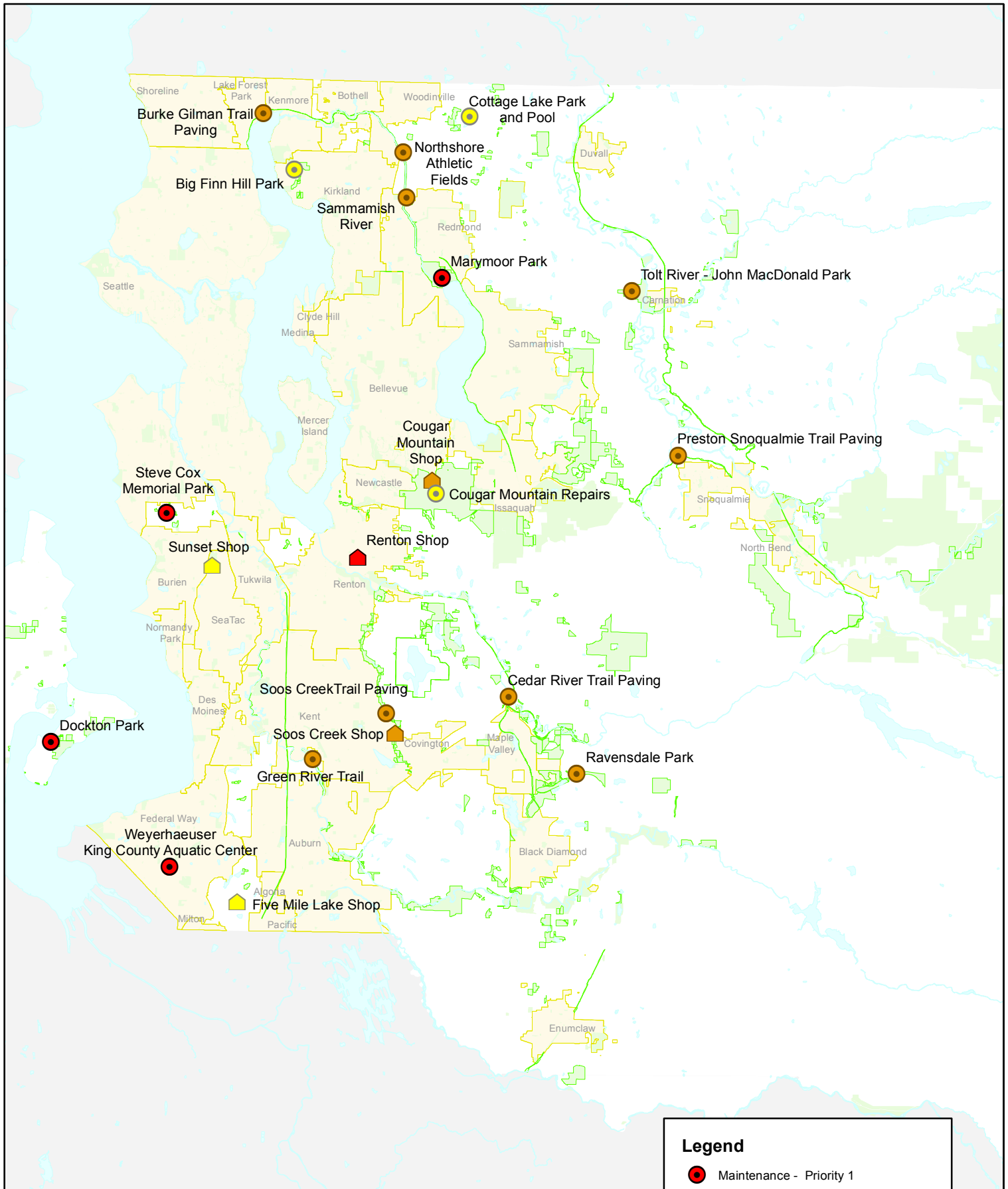
	2012 AV	Levy Rate	Taxpayers Contribution to Operating Levy*
Algona	\$ 356,279,130	\$ 0.0631	\$ 21,740
Auburn	6,516,510,148	0.0631	397,629
Beaux Arts Village	91,613,584	0.0631	5,590
Bellevue	31,034,230,286	0.0631	1,893,670
Black Diamond	541,453,715	0.0631	33,039
Bothell <i>part</i>	3,124,306,779	0.0631	190,641
Burien	4,225,390,016	0.0631	257,828
Carnation	177,573,869	0.0631	10,835
Clyde Hill	1,275,671,885	0.0631	77,840
Covington	1,586,157,539	0.0631	96,785
Des Moines	2,459,854,790	0.0631	150,097
Duval	770,801,999	0.0631	47,033
Enumclaw <i>part</i>	1,054,983,056	0.0631	64,374
Federal Way	7,722,983,802	0.0631	471,247
Hunts Point	688,895,122	0.0631	42,036
Issaquah	5,863,297,168	0.0631	357,771
Kenmore	2,633,096,873	0.0631	160,668
Kent	12,746,855,069	0.0631	777,797
Kirkland	14,746,543,610	0.0631	899,816
Lake Forest Park	1,869,526,433	0.0631	114,076
Maple Valley	2,327,869,272	0.0631	142,044
Medina	2,279,930,112	0.0631	139,118
Mercer Island	8,138,933,964	0.0631	496,628
Milton <i>part</i>	83,025,444	0.0631	5,066
Newcastle	1,796,610,390	0.0631	109,627
Normandy Park	1,138,949,905	0.0631	69,497
North Bend	832,762,898	0.0631	50,814
Pacific <i>part</i>	371,104,657	0.0631	22,644
Redmond	12,674,889,335	0.0631	773,406
Renton	10,815,458,517	0.0631	659,946
Sammamish	8,405,421,485	0.0631	512,888
SeaTac	4,524,569,633	0.0631	276,084
Seattle	117,503,213,124	0.0631	7,169,898
Shoreline	6,453,079,491	0.0631	393,759
Skykomish	23,501,477	0.0631	1,434
Snoqualmie	1,805,068,524	0.0631	110,143
Tukwila	4,675,629,743	0.0631	285,301
Woodinville	2,457,356,535	0.0631	149,945
Yarrow Point	673,760,156	0.0631	41,112
Zoo			
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>\$ 286,467,159,535</b>		<b>\$ 17,479,866</b>

\* Projected collections reflect anticipated undercollection.

Open Space & Trails Levy  
2012 Projected Collection & Allocation

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Clyde Hill	1,275,671,885	0.0631	77,840	12,069
Covington	1,586,157,539	0.0631	96,785	31,226
Des Moines	2,459,854,790	0.0631	150,097	51,131
Duvall	770,801,999	0.0631	47,033	13,012
Enumclaw <i>part</i>	1,054,983,056	0.0631	64,374	19,822
Federal Way	7,722,983,802	0.0631	471,247	156,090
Hunts Point	688,895,122	0.0631	42,036	5,095
Issaquah	5,863,297,168	0.0631	357,771	75,234
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Skykomish	23,501,477	0.0631	1,434	385
Snoqualmie	1,805,068,524	0.0631	110,143	24,910
Tukwila	4,675,629,743	0.0631	285,301	53,680
Woodinville	2,457,356,535	0.0631	149,945	29,293
Yarrow Point	673,760,156	0.0631	41,112	5,709
Zoo				3,879,128
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>\$ 286,467,159,535</b>		<b>\$ 17,479,866</b>	<b>\$ 7,738,763</b>

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## Major Maintenance Priority Sites and Shop Replacement / Repair



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September 10, 2012

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## Regional Trails Future Priority Projects

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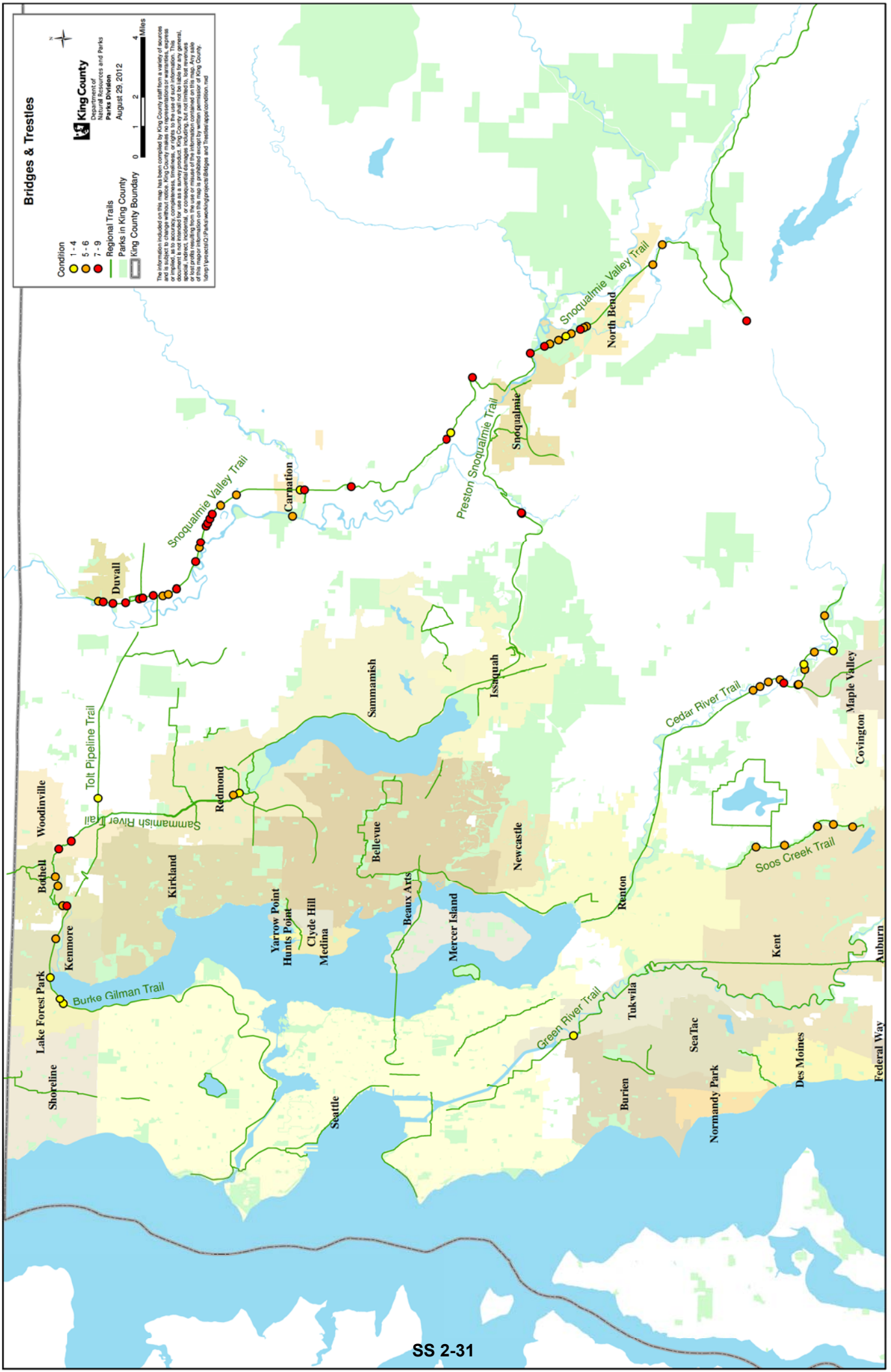
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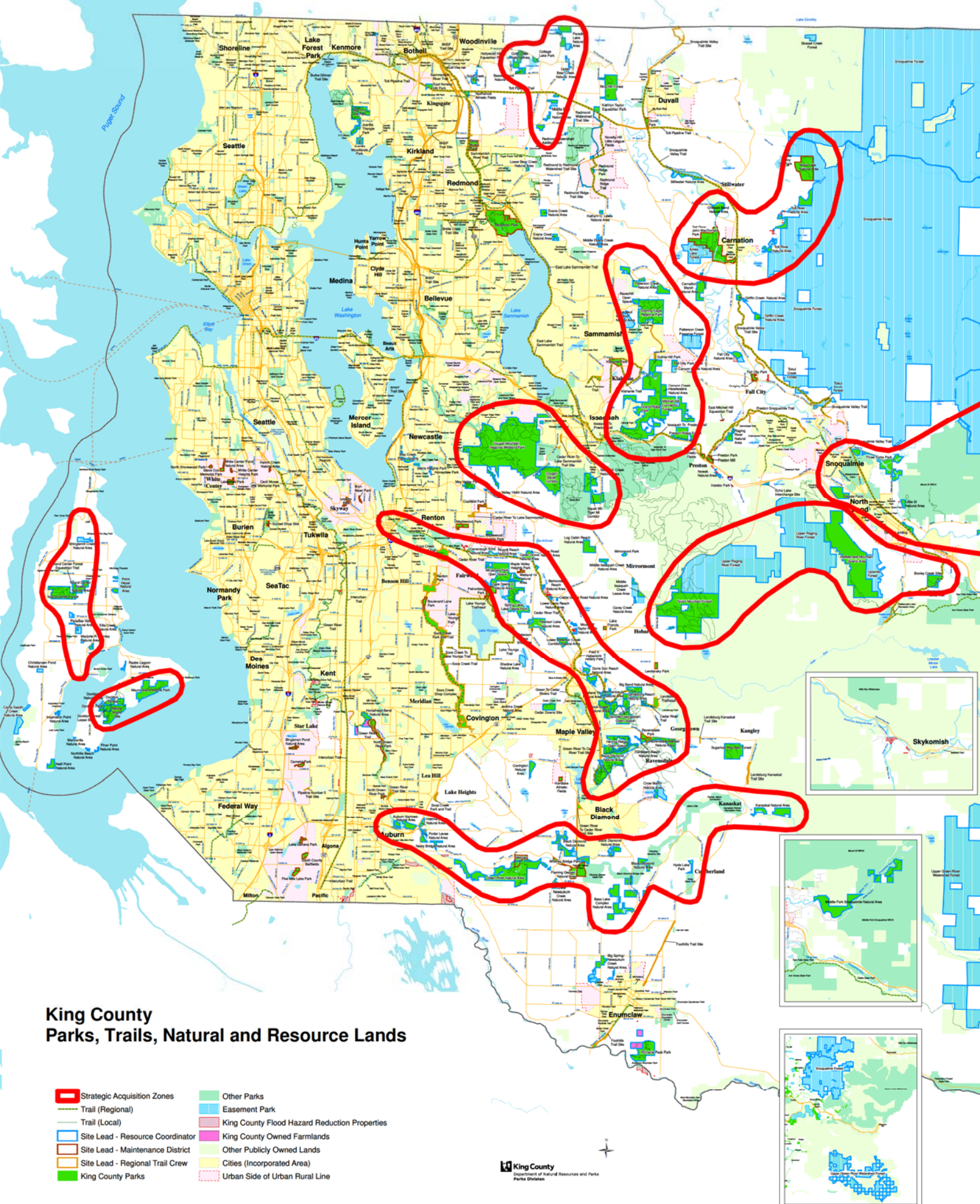
- Priority Projects
- Other Future Projects
- Existing Regional Trail
- - - On Street Trail Connection
- Light Rail Stations
- ◆ Commuter Rail and Amtrak Stations
- King County Metro Park & Ride Lots
- Ferry Terminals

# Bridges & Trestles



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**King County  
Parks, Trails, Natural and Resource Lands**

- Strategic Acquisition Zones
- Trail (Regional)
- Trail (Local)
- Site Lead - Resource Coordinator
- Site Lead - Maintenance District
- Site Lead - Regional Trail Crew
- King County Parks
- Other Parks
- Easement Park
- King County Flood Hazard Reduction Properties
- King County Owned Farmlands
- Other Publicly Owned Lands
- Cities (Incorporated Area)
- Urban Side of Urban Rural Line

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### King County Parks, Natural Areas, and Open Space

- Ames Lake Forest
- Auburn Narrows Natural Area
- Bass Lake Complex Natural Area
- Bassett Pond Natural Area
- Belmondo Reach Natural Area
- Big Bend Natural Area
- Big Finn Hill Park
- Big Spring/Newaukum Creek Natural Area
- Bingaman Pond Natural Area
- Black Diamond Natural Area
- BN Peninsula Natural Area
- Boulevard Lane Park
- Bridle Crest Trail Site
- Bryn Mawr Park
- Camelot Park
- Canyon Creek Natural Area
- Carey Creek Natural Area
- Carnation Marsh Natural Area
- Cavanaugh Pond Natural Area
- Cedar Downs Site
- Cedar Grove Natural Area
- Cedar Grove Road Natural Area
- Cemetery Reach Natural Area
- Chinook Bend Natural Area
- Christiansen Pond Natural Area
- Coalfield Park
- Cold Creek Natural Area
- Cottage Lake Park
- Cougar Mountain Regional Wildland Park
- Cougar/Squak Corridor
- Covington Natural Area
- Crow Marsh Natural Area
- Dockton Forest
- Dockton Forest Lease Site
- Dockton Natural Area
- Dockton Park
- Dorre Don Reach Natural Area
- Duthie Hill Park
- Duvall Park
- East Norway Hill Park
- Ellis Creek Natural Area
- Evans Creek Natural Area
- Evans Crest Natural Area
- Fall City Natural Area
- Fall City Park
- Fall City Park West
- Five Mile Lake Park
- Flaming Geyser Natural Area
- Flaming Geyser Park
- Gold Creek Park
- Grand Ridge Park
- Green River Natural Area
- Griffin Creek Natural Area
- Hamm Creek Natural Area
- Hatchery Natural Area
- Hazel Wolf Wetland Natural Area
- Hollywood Hills Equestrian Park
- Honeydew Park
- Horsehead Bend Natural Area
- Hyde Lake Park
- Inspiration Point Natural Area
- Instebo Park
- Island Center Forest
- Island Center Forest Natural Area
- Issaquah Creek Natural Area
- Jones Reach Natural Area
- Juanita Triangle Park
- Juanita Woodlands Park
- Kanaskat Natural Area
- Kathryn C. Lewis Natural Area
- Kathryn Taylor Equestrian Park
- Kentlake Athletic Fields
- Klahanie Park
- Lake Desire 2 Natural Area
- Lake Francis Park
- Lake Geneva Park
- Lake Joy Park
- Lakewood Park
- Landsburg Reach Natural Area
- Levdansky Park
- Little Si Natural Area
- Little Soos Creek Wetlands N.A.
- Log Cabin Reach Natural Area
- Lower Bear Creek Natural Area
- Lower Lions Reach Natural Area
- Lower Newaukum Creek Natural Area
- Lower Peterson Creek Corridor Natural Area
- Manzanita Natural Area
- Maple Ridge Highlands Open Space
- Maple Valley Heights Park
- Maplewood Heights Park
- Maplewood Park
- Marjorie R. Stanley Natural Area
- Marymoor Park
- Maury Island Marine Park
- Maury Island Site
- May Creek
- May Valley 164th Natural Area
- May Valley Park
- McGarvey Park Open Space
- Middle Bear Creek Natural Area
- Middle Evans Creek Natural Area
- Middle Fork Snoqualmie Natural Area
- Middle Issaquah Creek Natural Area
- Mirrormont Park
- Mitchell Hill Connector Forest
- Moss Lake Natural Area
- Mouth Of Taylor Reach Natural Area
- Neely Bridge Natural Area
- Neill Point Natural Area
- North Green River Park
- North Shorewood Park
- Northilla Beach Natural Area
- Northshore Athletic Fields
- Novelty Hill Little League Fields
- Nowak Natural Area
- Paradise Lake Natural Area
- Paradise Valley Natural Area
- Patterson Creek Natural Area
- Patterson Creek Preserve Forest
- Peterson Lake Natural Area

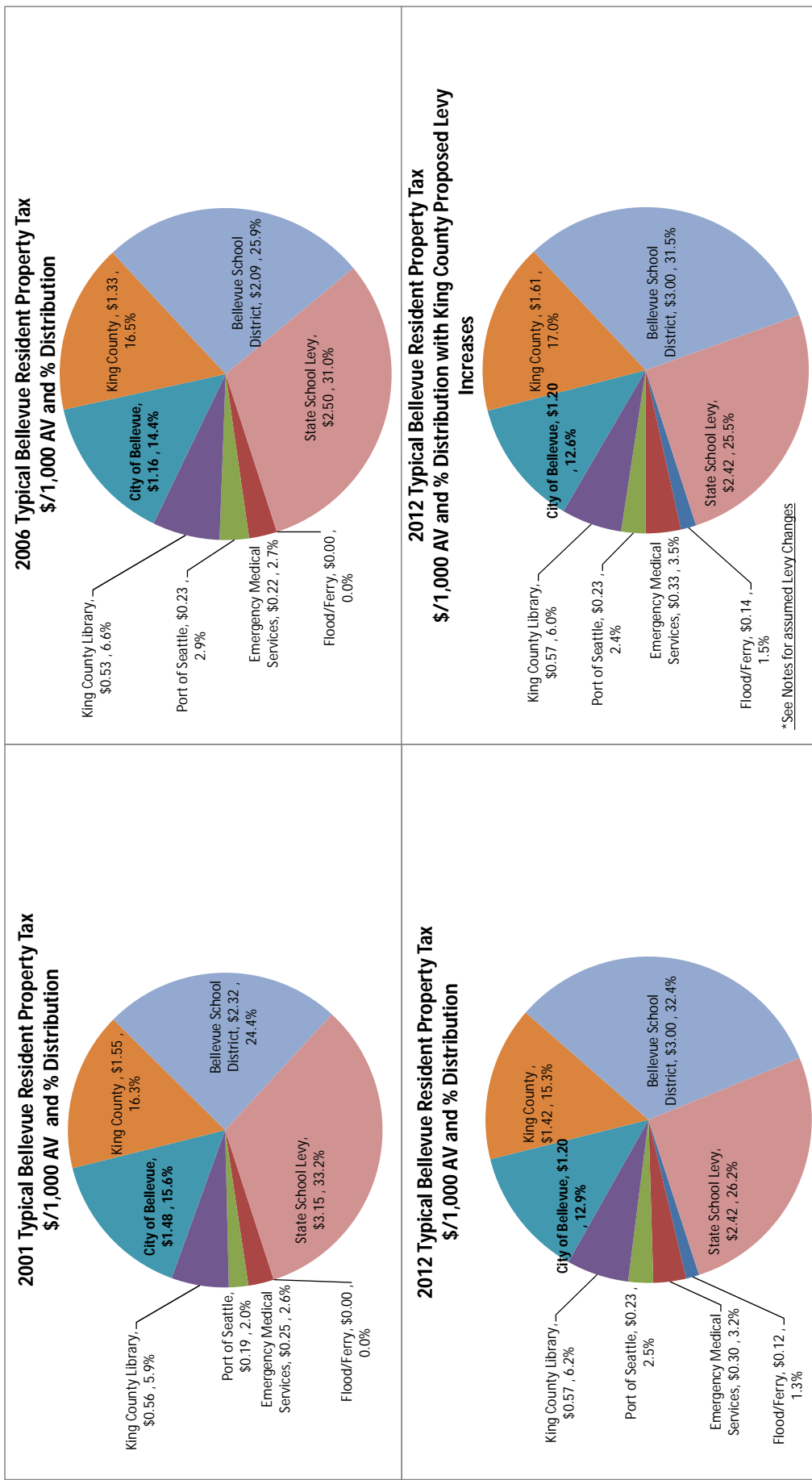
### **King County Parks, Natural Areas, and Open Space, con'd**

- Petrovitsky Park
- Piner Point Natural Area
- Pinnacle Peak Park
- Point Heyer Natural Area
- Porter Levee Natural Area
- Preston Athletic Fields
- Preston Mill
- Preston Park
- Preston Ridge Forest
- Quigley Park
- Raabs Lagoon Natural Area
- Raging River Natural Area
- Rattlesnake Mountain Scenic Area
- Ravenhill Open Space
- Ravensdale Park
- Ravensdale Retreat Natural Area
- Redmond Ridge Park
- Renton Park
- Ricardi Reach Natural Area
- Ring Hill Forest
- Rock Creek Natural Area
- Shadow Lake Natural Area
- Shinglemill Creek Natural Area
- Sierra Heights Park
- Sixty Acres Park
- Skyway Park
- Snoqualmie Forest
- Soaring Eagle Regional Park
- South County Ballfields
- Southern Heights Park
- Spring Lake/Lake Desire Park
- Squak Mt/Tiger Mt Corridor
- Steve Cox Memorial Park
- Stillwater Natural Area
- Sugarloaf Mountain Forest
- Sunset Playfield
- Tanner Landing Park
- Taylor Mountain Forest
- Three Forks Natural Area
- Tollgate Farm
- Tolt River - John MacDonald Park
- Tolt River Natural Area
- Uplands Forest
- Upper Bear Creek Natural Area
- Upper Green River Watershed Forest
- Upper Raging River Forest
- Wetland 14 Natural Area
- Wetland 79 Natural Area
- Weyerhaeuser King County Aquatic Center
- White Center Heights Park
- White Center Pond Natural Area
- Whitney Bridge Park
- Windsor Vista Park

### **King County Regional Trails System**

- BNSF Trail Corridor
- Boxley Creek Site
- Burke-Gilman Trail
- Cedar River to Lake Sammamish Trail Site (includes Fred V. Habenicht Rotary Park, Landsburg Trailhead)
- Cedar River Trail
- East Lake Sammamish Trail
- East Plateau Trail Site
- Foothills Trail
- Green River Trail (includes Cecil Moses Memorial Park)
- Green River Trail Site - Kent
- Green River Trail Site - Tukwila
- Green To Cedar River Trail
- Issaquah Preston Trail
- Lake Youngs Trail (includes Lake Youngs Park and Trailhead)
- Landsburg Kanaskat Trail Site
- Preston Snoqualmie Trail
- PSE Trail Site
- Redmond Ridge Trail (includes Redmond Watershed Addition Park; Redmond Watershed Trail Site)
- Sammamish River Trail
- Snoqualmie Valley Trail
- Soos Creek Trail and Park (includes Soos Creek To Lake Youngs Trail Site)
- Tolt Pipeline Trail
- West Sammamish River Trail

The charts below illustrate the reduction in Bellevue's share of overall property tax levy over time (15.6% in 2001, 12.9% in 2012). The fourth chart (bottom right below) illustrates the impact of potential King County proposed levies in 2013.



#### Notes:

- Charts are based on a typical Bellevue resident with assumes they pay the Bellevue School District rate; however, depending on location, City residents may pay the Issaquah, Lake Washington or Renton rate instead.

#### Notes on Potential Distribution of 2012 Property Tax with New Proposed Levies for Typical Bellevue Resident (Information as of 10/31/2012):

- King County parks includes a potential increase to \$0.19/\$1,000 AV (Levy vote 2013)
- EMS Levy assumed at \$0.33/\$1,000 AV (Levy vote 2013)
- King County Flood Control District is assumed to increase from \$0.11616 to \$0.141/1,000 AV (Under discussion)
- Does not include Hospital District #1 or #2 levies because the vast majority of Bellevue residents are not within those districts.
- Impacts on future of K-12 State Funding, based on McCleary State Supreme Court Decision are currently unknown.
- 800 MHz Levy not included.